IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)		
Christopher G. Walls et al.)		
Application No. 10/761,135)	Examiner:	Carlos Lugo
Confirmation No. 8796)	Art Unit:	3676
Filed January 20, 2004)		
For: Adjustable Handle Assembly)		

RULE 312 AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

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Dear Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicants submit seven (7) sheets of <u>formal</u> drawings (FIGS. 1-12), marked "Replacement Sheets," to be substituted for the informal drawings filed with the application.

A Notice of Allowance has been received by Applicants, however, Applicants have not yet paid the issue and publication fees. Consistent with the language of Rule 312, Applicants respectfully request entry of the replacement drawings without withdrawing the application from issue.

Applicants' Statement on the Reasons for Allowance begins on page 2 of this paper.

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APPLICANTS' STATEMENT ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Examiner's Reasons For Allowance, the Examiner refers to U.S. Patent No. 2,473,937 to Cameron. As the Cameron patent was not relied upon in the Examiner's previous rejections, Applicants have not specifically addressed the Cameron patent. Notwithstanding, the Cameron patent cannot anticipate claims 1-18 and 26-31. In addition, the Cameron patent, alone or in combination with the other cited art, cannot establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to claims 1-18 and 26-31.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the foregoing Amendment without withdrawing the application from issue. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to resolve any issues through a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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